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# After One of **Busiest Days**

#### Sub Pens, Airfields, Rail Points Hit; Mosquitoes Attack Berlin

The Eighth Air Force was grounded yesterday after striking U-boat pens, airfields and railroad yards in one of the heaviest days of USAAF operations in the ETO. Sustaining the offensive on vital German war targets, however, was a Mosquito raid on Berlin early yesterday.

Fortresses attacking airfields at Cognac and submarine docks at La Pallice in France flew more than 1,600 miles on their 11-hour round trip Thursday and landed at their bases after dark. In other assaults on German targets in France, the Forts damaged airfields at LaRochelle and blasted Nantes.

#### Marauder Anniversary

For the Marauders, the offensive marked the start of their third mouth of continuous attack against German fighter forces screening vital industrial areas of northwestern Europe.

On their 59th and 60th missions, the Marauders swept over France, hitting airfields at Beaumont le Roger and Tricqueville and damaging the railroad yards at

ville and damaging the railroad yards Serqueux and a power station at Rouen. In its 58 missions in two months

In its 58 missions in two months against German fighter forces and installations in western Europe, the Eighth Air Support Command lost only 11 planes. More than 2,700 tons of bombs were dropped in more than 2,500 sorties.

Marauder attacks on landing fields and airdrome facilities have forced German lighters to withdraw from many frontline fields, Col. Samuel E. Anderson, a medium bombardment wing commander.

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said.
In heavy blows against German submarines the Fortresses bombed U-boat pens at La Pallice and the Marauders went to Cognac to smash the Chateau-briand airfield used by German fighters and by bombers on the anti-shipping patrol. From the base Focke-Wulf Kuriers range in a wide are over the sea to attack convoys and inform submarines of convoy positions,

### Intense Opposition

Intense fighter opposition, lasting for more than half an hour, was encountered by some of the groups attacking Nantes Little fighter opposition was met over the

cother targets Thursday, but crews reported medium to intense flak over La Pallice. Pilots reported the Luftwaffe appeared to be more anxious to fight than it has been during recent Allied attacks on industry and airfields in occupied territory. In the Beaumont le Roger raid, the Germans sent up their famous yellow-nosed FW190s.

"The Hun seemed fairly anxious to fight if he thought he had a chance," one

fight if he thought he had a chance," one pilot said. "He seemed to realize, however, that he was getting the worst of it."

Twenty-seven enemy fighters were destroyed by the Forts and two by escorting Thunderbolts. Thirteen heavy bombers and three fighters did not return. Brig. Gen. Robert F. Travis, of Savannah, Ga., a Fortress wing commander, who led the large force on the Nantes raid, said: "Fighter opposition was vicious and sustained, but 1'm sure (Continued on page 4) (Continued on page 4)

### Paris Damage Heavy'-Berlin

STOCK HOLM, Sept. 17 (UP)—Fires were still raging in many parts of Paris this morning, more than 36 hours after the big U.S. Fortress raid on Wednesday, according to STB, the German-controlled

news agency.

The raid was the heaviest the city has yet had, the agency said, reporting that destruction to lines of communication and houses was enormous and telephone communications were completely dis-

Casualties were estimated by the agency at 252 dead and 358 seriously injured.

'850 Killed at Nantes'

More than 850 persons were killed in Thursday's USAAF raid on Nantes, German radio said yesterday, quoting reports from Paris.

More than 150 persons are still buried under debris of wrecked buildings, the

### FortsResting Roosevelt Says Dates Picked For Next Landings in Europe

'Specific and Precise Plans' Were Made at Quebec; Work of U.S.-British Airforces Lauded; Reveals We Lost 7,445 in Sicily

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17-The invasion of Italy is not the only one the Allies have in mind, President Roosevelt told the reconvened Congress today in a review of the progress of the war. The dates and the places for the new blows already have been chosen, he disclosed.

'At Quebec specific and precise plans were made to bring further blows of equal or greater importance against Germany and Japan, with definite times and places for other landings on the continent of Europe and else-

where," he said.
"In recent months," said the President, "the main tides of the conflict have been running our way, but we could not and cannot be content merely to drift with this favorable tide. . . .

#### 'Places Picked, Dates Set'

"The Congress and the American people can rest assured that the landing on Italy is not the only landing we have in mind. That landing was planned at Casablanca. At Quebec, the leaders and the military staffs of Great Britain and the U.S. made specific and precise plans to bring to bear further blows of equal or greater importance against Germany and Japan—with definite times and places for other landings on the continent of Europe and else. on the continent of Europe and else-

where."

President Roosevelt placed the Allied losses in Sicily at 31,158 killed, wounded and missing, of whom the Americans lost 7,445. The Axis losses were 165,000, including 132,000 prisoners.

"The unmistakably sincere welcome given to the Allied troops by the Italian people has proved conclusively that even in a country which had lived for a generation under a complete dictatorship—with all of its propaganda, censorship and suppresof its propaganda, censorship and suppres-

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Further Blows are Coming

### Reds Announce Navy to Double Bryansk Taken Strength in '43

#### 6 Nazi Divisions Routed; Knox, in ETO, Says Allies Russians 55 Miles From Kiev

The capture of Bryansk by the Russians was announced in a special order of the day from Stalin, broadcast from Moscow last night, four days after the Germans

declared they had evacuated the city. Simultaneous blows from the north and south broke enemy resistance and resulted in the capture of the large industrial centers of Bryansk and Berzhitsa, the order said. Six German infantry divisions were routed, it added.

Russian forces last night were only 55 miles from Kiev, the Russian communique said. It reported the capture of Nosovka, 20 miles southwest of Nezhin and only 55 miles northeast of Kiev. The Russian advance towards Kiev now forms a broad wedge nearly 40 miles from north to south, and has cut all direct railway communications between the Germans in the south and those on the central and northern fronts.

Advances on practically all sectors of the southern fronts, as well as the recap-ture of Novorossisk and of the vital rail-way junction of Lozovaya, 60 miles from the Dnieper bend, were also reported by the Russian communique. Capture of Lozovaya will further hamper the German

withdrawal to the Dnieper bend. Berlin radio described the latest German setbacks in Russia as a large-scale straightening of the front.

#### James M. Curley Indicted In War Contract Racket

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17—A Federal grand jury yesterday indicted Rep. James M. Curley, Massachusetts Democrat, and five other persons on 21 counts charging mail fraud. Curley is a former Governor of Massachusetts, a former mayor of Boston and a member of the Dentecratic

Boston and a member of the Deniceratic National Committee.

The charges grew out of an alleged war contract brokerage racket. The indictments charged that the defendants as officers and directors of Engineers Group, Inc., with offices in Washington, Chicago and Boston, fraudulently represented themselves between June, 1941, and January, 1942, as experienced and competent consulting engineers with special facilities and qualifications for getting war contracts. They further charged that the men had accepted fees

### Have Sunk One Third of Jap Merchant Fleet

Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox, in England for a ten-day visit, disclosed yesterday at a press conference that the Navy would double the number of its fighting ships in 1943 and increase its total tonnage by approximately 60 per

The number of combat vessels launched in 1943, he said, would equal the U.S. Navy's total strength in fighting ships at

The Secretary revealed at the same time that Allied submarines in the Pacific already have accounted for roughly one-third of the Japanese merchant fleet. At the outbreak of the war, he said, the strength of the Nipponese merchant war is a counted through seizure building. marine acquired through seizure, building or already on hand was estimated at 7,500,000 tons, of which 2,500,000 tons already have been destroyed.

#### To Inspect Navy Installations

Knox said he was in the British Isles to inspect Navy installations and to tell the British people of America's admira-tion for their standing off the Nazis all alone after France fell, "Through the years America always will owe Britain a debt for that," he said.

Knox's first act on arriving in London was to meet Adm. Harold R. Stark, commanding U.S. Naval Forces in Europe, and the officers of his staff. He presented them with his own flag in re-cognition of their greater than 95 per cent participation in the Navy's war bond allot-

Later, at his press conference, Knox cautioned newsmen against thinking the U-boat menace ended. German submarines have been given "a good shellacking," he said, but they will be back for another, "and we'll be waiting for them." (Continued on page 4)

### One in 12 Pre-War Dads Needed, Hershey Asserts

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17-Maj. Gen WASHINGTON, Sept. 17—Mai. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, national director of Selective Service, told the Senate Military Affairs Committee today that 446,000 pre-war fathers—one out-of 12 in the dation—must be inducted before the end of the year if the army and navy were to maintain their man-power schedules. Gen. Hershey opposed a bill by Sen. Burton K. Wherler, Montana Democrat,

## Fifth 12 Miles Inland After Smashing 3 Big Assaults by Germans

### Important Airfield Site Seized by Clark's Heroes; More Reinforcements Land As Nazi Shelling Lessens

Germany's Wehrmacht, which had gambled desperately for a Dunkirk at Salerno, last night had a Stalingrad, bought and paid for with American

Definitely smashing the probability of loss of the United States Fifth Army's bridgehead on the west coast of Italy, patrols of the British Eighth Army and Gen. Mark W. Clark's heroic Fifth established contact yesterday in the vicinity of Vallo di Luciana, approximately 16 miles south of American positions, Allied Headquarters announced officially.

Coupled with this news, feverishly awaited in tense Allied capitals for days, came word that the Fifth Army, after smashing back three frantic counter-attacks Thursday, had swung to

Gaining of Italy's

Fleet Big Victory';

FiveBattleshipsIn

The surrender of the Italian fleet was

one of the great turning points of the war at sea, First Lord of the Admiralty

A. V. Alexander said Thursday in a radio review of the Mediterranean naval

possession. The Imperio is unseaworthy and the Germans sank the Roma when it tried to surrender to the British.

Royce Sees 400% Rise

occupied territory from Italy or Britain.'

In Italy, Marshall Says

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 17 (UP)—The Germans in Italy are "just delaying things—but we will soon give them hell," Gen, George Marshall, chief of staff of

the U.S. Army, predicted here.

Speaking of the Allied bombings of
Germany, the general declared: "They
are badly disorganizing the population,
and they will get worse."

Hell for Germans Soon

the offensive, recaptured Albanella, and then reached out and seized Montecorvino, 12 miles northeast of Salerno.

#### Ring of Steel Broken

Thus the Allies had broken the enemy's ring of steel about the Salerno bridgehead and forged at least the first link in a continuous front facing the Germans. In addition to word of the Allied contact south of Salerno, other Eighth Army patrols linked up with advance units of forces which had struck north and west after landing in the Taranto area of

campaign.

Algiers radio reported the number of Italian ships in Allied hands had risen to 108, including at least five battleships, nine cruisers, 27 destroyers and 19 sub-Italy's heel.

The bulk of Gen, Montgomery's army marines. Complete Allied control of the Mediterranean has been assured by these All of the seven battleships of the world's fifth largest fleet have been accounted for. The Italia, the Vittorio Veneta, the Caio Duilio, the Andrea Doria and the Guilio are in Allied possession. The Imperio is unseaworthy and the Germans sank the Roma when

The bulk of Gen, Montgomery's army was expected to join with the Fifth in a matter of a few hours, climaxing a forced march of over 200 miles from the Calabrian Peninsula in 13 days.

The Fifth Army's bridgehead, once only four miles wide and in grave danger of being eliminated entirely, last night had been extended to 12 miles inland from the sea with the capture of Montecorvino. Seizure of the town was one of the most Seizure of the town was one of the most significant of optimistic reports from the

The city was described as the site of one of the best airfields along the entire stretch of the Italian west coast, and with it in Allied hands the scope and effective-ness of fighter-plane operations can be ex-pected to be broadened. In Air Power by Spring

### Coastal Line Unbroken

CAIRO, Sept. 17 (UP)—The bomber strength of the U.S. air forces will increase fourfold by the spring of 1944, Maj. Gen. Ralph Royce, new commander-in-chief of the U.S. Air Forces in the Middle East, declared yesterday.

"When we have northern Italy," he said, "there will be a shortening of about 300 miles in the distance of the shuttle-bombing carried out from the Mediterranean and Britain.

"It will be possible for the Allies to bomb any point in Germany or Germanoccupied territory from Italy or Britain." With the Eighth and Fifth Armies for with the Eighth and Fifth Armies for all practical purposes merged to the south, the bridgehead extended from north of Salerno to Albanella, giving the Allies control of a coastal line extending from the very tip of the Italian boot to the area south of Naples.

In a desperate last-ditch effort to dis-

lodge the Americans, German forces three times hurled themselves at the stubborn Yank lines Thursday. Three times they were beaten back at a cost in ground and heavy toll of lives.

One attack was against Salerno itself, the other two in the vicinity of Monte-corvino. The confident American and British troops under Gen. Clark drove forward, however, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy, knocking out five tanks in one battle alone and taking many prisoners

Allied air power, one of the vital factors in the saving of the Salerno bridgehead, again made itself felt. In addition to maintaining an air screen that has been called the greatest of this war, Allied planes struck mighty blows at

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### Enemy's Rail Lines Into Italy Cut by Bombs and Guerrillas

The last railway communications from France, through which the Germans have been trying to funnel reinforcements into Italy, have been virtually cut off by RAF bombing and French guerrilla sabotage,

in appeared from reports yesterday.

Attacks by RAF bombers on two railroad channels near the French-Italian
border Thursday night were highly
"effective," the Air Ministry declared
yesterday. A heavy force of RAF
bombers, penetrating deep into Europe,
blasted the railroad yards at Modane, the French frontier town near the opening of the Mt. Cenis tunnel, and Lancasters made a low-level attack on the Antheor Viaduct near St. Raphael, on the French

French guerrilla detachments operating

France, Moscow radio said last night, adding: "This has stopped the Germans from sending troops from France to

German railroad routes into Italy were struck'by American Flying Fortresses just before the Allies invaded the European continent, when Africa-based B17s knocked out the vital line from Germany through the Branner Pass to Northern through the Brenner Pass to Northern Italy and left it cluttered with wreckage. Three days later the RAF bombed Munich, another major railroad funnel

into Italy.

Two other major lines—through the Gothard and Simplon tunnels—are closed to military traffic because they go through neutral Switzerland. The only unbombed route leading into Italy from the west is a secondary line along the Mediterranean

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#### A Leader's Decision

In time of war, a field commander must often risk a defeat in order to secure a When a commander brilliant victory. accepts such a risk he does so only after careful consideration of every known

When Gen. Eisenhower ordered the 5th Army to land on the beaches near Salerno and move against the Germans in position in that area, he knew it was worth the risk.

Now even the critics of yesterday acclaim the decision, for the 5th Army was able to accomplish its difficult mission and as a result the Battle of Italy may well be shortened by months and the cost of victory in lives and men may well be materially reduced.

Yesterday, the critics asked, "Why was it necessary to land at Salerno?" Today, they can see for themselves.

The 5 th Army, firmly established there, forced the immediate retreat of all German forces to the south and enabled the 8th Army to advance north without opposition. At Salerno the Allied force outflanked the Germans to the south and when a military force is outflanked it must retreat or face the possibility of being surrounded, and killed or captured.

In praising the gallant British and American soldiers who fought to secure American soldiers who fought to sectie
the bridgehead at Salerno, do not forget
the leaders who assessed the fighting
quality of those men, and, on the basis of
all the known facts, acted on the belief
that with the proper naval and air support those troops could beat the best the

German army could throw against them. They did . . , and another great victory has been won.

#### Pacific Situation

The recent landing at Lae was positive evidence that the Pacific theater is no longer an Allied area of defense. The combined operation in which seaborne and airborne troops surprised and isolated a Japanese force of twenty thousand and cut it completely off should be a warning of things to come, for it indicates the size of the Allied force which was so brilliantly employed.

Land, sea and air superiority now held by the United Nations in the South Pacific have combined to upset Japanese plans in that area. The investment of Lae and the capture of vital Jap bases at Salamaua are only the latest of a series of blows which have combined to weaken the Japanese defensive arc. Fearful of the fate of Lac, the Japs have been struggling for months to turn Wewak into a pivotal air base; but execution of their plan has been effectively prevented by the accurate and consistent bombing of their air installations. This has forced a 200-mile withdrawal of Jap air units, which puts these units over 200 miles from the front lines. The main Jap air base is now back near Hollandia, where it is too distant from the ground garrisons which it is meant to support. The ground fighting is thus beginning to be adversely affected for the Nipponese, even as our own troops were adversely affected under reverse cir-cumstance in the Philippines.

Thus, with sea, air and land superiority in the hands of the Allied commander, Japan must reinforce South Pacific defenses or remain on the defensive and automatically accept all the handicaps which made the beginning stages of the Pacific war so difficult for the Allies.

#### The Greek Word For It

For years we have used O.K. in the honest belief it was American slanguage at its best. Now we have been disillusioned by the Irish press (Dublin) which cites the Irish Digest, who quotes a well traveled lady from Cork as authority for the assertion that the phrase comes from the modern Greek "Holo Kalo," which means "all is well" or "all

is serene." After pointing out that the "H" is silent in the Greek expression she offers the theory that the many Greek immigrants to the United States are most likely responsible for the expression "O.K." meaning "yes" or "all right," "thank you" or "what have you."

Her contribution may at least have the effect of making users of "O.K." feel should academic instead of merely slangy.

## Hash Marks

Is it true that a colonel believes he misses his wife's cook. A sergeant be-lieves he misses his wife's cooking—and a private believes he misses his wife?

Down Oklahoma way they're telling the one about the not-too-smart gentle-man who was told that he probably had oil on his farm. He shook his head and muttered sadly, "Now isn't that a shame. Can't touch it till after the war. Oil's rationed, you know.

Montana is still "the West where men e men." Seventy-six-year-old Henry are men." Seventy-six-year-old Henry Ulland, bitten on the hand by a rattle-



snake, got first aid and then went back to work. T The snake, who got no first aid

\* This little gag of pre-war vintage has been knocking around in our notebook long enough. Just before the war started. when Hitler was ranting and raising hell in general, an American newspaperman in general, an American newspaperman went to a Berlin dentist and asked him how much he would charge to pull a tooth. The dentist wanted 100 bucks. "They would do the job for 10 smackers back home," screamed the Yank, "What's the big idea?" The dentist whispered cautiously, "Over here it's different—we pull it out through your ear—You can't open your mouth in Berlin."

Well, boys, it took a 12-year-old lad to "debunk" the glamor gals of Hollywood. Little Jimmy Fraser came back from a two-weeks visit as the guest of Jinx Falkenburg with these impressions:
"Veronica Lake is small and thin with
lots of freckles, Rita Hayworth isn't so
beautiful without her makeup; Evelyn Keyes, who is supposed to be a strawberry blonde, has very, very pink hair, don't say we didn't tip you off.

The younger generation is certainly impatient these days. Time-tested thumb-ing is too ineffectual to suit the young



hitch-hikers back home. State patrolmen report they've picked up a number of GIs who lay full-length on the pavement to force motorists to stop. \* \*

We hear that back home they are teaching the children to look both ways before crossing the street—to make sure no runaway horses are in sight.

Broadcasters and others don't agree on the pronunciation of Drazhonikidzegrad, but there seems little doubt about the name of every German in that vicinity It's mud.

Lt. Dave Breger

J. C. W.

PRIVATE BREGER

# Italy's Fall Stopped the Show

### Actor Billy Gilbert Tells How News Hit Transport

By Arthur W. White

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer "Change the course, turn the damn boat around-let's go straight to Naples," yelled hundreds of cheering American soldiers crammed aboard a ship plowing through the Atlantic to the ETO when news of Italy's surrender was broadcast over the ship's loudspeakers.

Billy Gilbert, rotund Hollywood comedian, whose famous sneeze, blank double-take, and 250-pound-plus Greek waiter roles are known to every GI, told this story in London yesterday as he prepared, with his wife and seven other American entertainers, to play U.S. camps in the ETO with USO-Camp Shows.

"We were right in the middle of a show on deck and all the boys were hanging on to the rails and climbing on each other's shoulders when suddenly they all seemed to go nuts," Billy said, "Our gags are good-but not that good-and we couldn't figure out what was going on. Italy certainly stole the show.

"We carried on with the works, and the cheering lasted half an hour. I've never seen a happier bunch of boys."

Billy and company gave more than 60 shows all over the ship-standing on tables in the mess hall, in the sleeping quarters, and buffeted on deck.

#### First-the Air Force

He and his wife Ella volunteered to entertain overseas for six months, and they're already talking about Africa, Sicily and points northwest. But right now most of their interest, and that of the four good-looking gals in the troupe, snappily attired in "USO blue," is centered around "those awfully brave bomber boys we read so much about." The latter are leading the popularity field back home,



Norton, of Port Arthur, Tex.

sad draftees at Fort Monmouth, N.J.," and has been hard at it ever since.

He wants to cover ETO installations darker and cheaper—is just the same.

"There are plenty of gyp-joints, and the same of the same of the same of the same." the amusing Hollywood dirt-"or dust,

Members of the troupe, who were entertaining back home only a couple of weeks ago, say all the Yanks they've seen overhere look a lot more cheerful than some of the "Broadway boys" stationed in the New York zone,

Competition is keen among American entertainers to come overseas and enter-

his first in 1940 for "some of the first star Preston Foster's California cattle

New York, he said-except for being

"There are plenty of gyp-joints, and all the theaters are doing more business than they've done in the last five years Food is scarce, and 'ham and eggs' has changed to 'spam and eggs.'

Best piece of news, however, was that the sale of turkeys has been restricted during September and October "so that all the ETO boys can have turkey for Christmas." The others in the troupe, they said.

Billy, who has played so much movie slapstick that he looks unfamiliar without a custard pie hiding his plump features and diminutive mustache, is way out in front of most other Hollywood entertainers in the number of shows he has given to the troops back home and in the Caribbean and Panama areas. He gave

Competition is keen among American who are going to split up to form two shows and hit the road in about a week are: Gail Manners, Akron, Ohio, and Florine McKinney, Fort Worth, Tex., singers; Beth Farrell, Ashland, Ohio, conversation with two of the first American soldiers he met over here. After the first three minutes they were discussing, among other things, the ETO morale-value of the Dick Tracy comic strip and movie-

## How Reporters Bridged 2 Valiant Armies One of 8 Describes Fantastic Jaunt Through Italy's No Man's Land

#### By Daniel De Luce

Associated Press War Correspondent U.S. FIFTH ARMY HQ, Sept. 16 (delayed)-Through 100 miles of No Man's Land, playing hide and seek with German armored scouts, and into the dusty flak-roofed plain of Salerno I drove today to help establish the first contact in Italy between the U.S. Fifth Army and the British and Canadian

It was a bit of touring spiced with the danger of ambush and mines and com-pleted to the accompaniment of a roaring barrage from Allied gunners on ships jammed on the rim of the Mediterranean

as they drove off a typical midday bombing raid.

The flanks of the two armies were thus technically linked up by a dust-covered convoy of one jeep, one truck and two staff cars from the Eighth Army in which rode eight British correspondents and one American.

With us were two British captains as conducting officers, and although they carried arms, none in the party fired a shot on the entire trip, although we skirted within 10 miles of German outposts.

Behind us, the bulk of the Eighth Army is advancing as rapidly as its lengthening supply line will allow.

We saw our last Eighth Army recon-naissance patrol early yesterday and our first Americans at 10.30 AM today. A half-track with a vicious machine-gun pointing squarely at us blocked the high mountain road some miles south of

A surprised youth leaned out to make sure that his eyes were hot deceiving him. "Another foot and I would have given you one hell of a burst," grinned Pyt, John Dowling, of Jersey City.

"Where are you from?"
"Eighth Army," we replied.

"Boy, we're glad to see you instead of another Jerry," chuckled a young Texas

The half-track crew came from an American engineers' unit fighting well inland from Salerno. Their task was to blow up bridges on the foad, along which the Germans might try a supprised the Germans might try a surprised armored attack.

### A Fantasy Tour

Ours was a fantastic drive along the shores of the Tyrrhenian Sea prettier than a picture-postcard and into mountain the state of the s than a picture-postcard—and into moun-tains crowned by medieval villages and monasteries, all the time on the look-out for the Will o' the Wisp enemy and

We passed thousands of cheering Italian troops and reaped scores of hysterical welcomes from settlements.

welcomes from settlements.

Proud, smartly-uniformed caribinieri and patient railway employees helped us at every point, warning us of last reported positions of German units, and many detachments of the Italian Army were faithfully guarding railway tunnels, bridges and stations against possible German sabotage.

Time after time as we stopped to talk with these troops they told us, "We are volunteering to fight again," We are

For 100 miles we found only one demolition the Germans had the time or spirit to accomplish, a dynamited bridge and ammunition dump. Everywhere else they left the way open for the Eighth Army to advance unmolested on the

The desperate German rearguard, with The desperate German rearguard, with the Eighth Army on the south, the Fifth in the north and Allied forces in the heel of the peninsula around Brindisi and Taranto, had been taking a run-out powder for nearly a week, pulling back into the central mountain ranges and there planting mines and wrecking comthere planting mines and wrecking communications.

We spurted ahead of Gen, Montgomery's vanguard two days ago. At Scalea, from which the Germans withdrew the previous day, exultant farmer folk came down from the hills to make us presents of eggs, grapes and wine.

### On 'The Road Back'

It seemed the road of peace, and for the Italian soldier stragglers trudging on aching feet, with little bundles of clothing slung over their shoulders, it was veritably "the road back."

Some said they were hiking to their homes in Milan, Firenze, and one had to go as far as Trieste.

Once Mussolini plastered bridges, cliffs and town walls in this Italian wonderland with his utterances in black-painted letters five feet high.

White paint now hides his mistaken boasts and prophecies of empire. Who was it said that even the Italian peasant was a born arrive? was a born artist?

Italians warned us against following Italians warned us against following the main road inland because of German outposts at Laurito and another town. So, with native guides, we weaved along side tracks, sprinting once for cover when we heard what the Italians said was a German tank rumbling toward the cross-roads.

Bridge demolitions near the end of our trip seemed to block every route to Salerno, but we managed to find one road not yet blocked,

### Telltale Yank Traces

We could tell which bridges the Americans had blasted because of the litter of ration boxes which the Yanks habitually leave behind. The Germans tried to leave not a single trace.

Maybe the provide of a marking gun is

Maybe the muzzle of a machine-gun is not a pleasant sight are

### Yankees Need Five Victories To Take Flag

### Three Triumphs for Cards Will Insure National League Pennant

NEW YORK, Sept. 17—The New York Yankees belted the Philadelphia Athletics. 5-1, here yesterday and moved to within five games of the American League flag.

The Bombers tied up the count, 1-1, in the fourth inning, then staged a fourin the fourth inning, then staged a fourrun rally in the seventh inning which
was climaxed by Charlie Keller's 28th
homer with one on. Marius Russo hurled
a four-hitter for the winners. Luman
Harris was the mound victim.
Out at Sportsman's Park, St. Louis,
the Cardinals moved to within three games
of the National League title as they took
the Cubs, 7—5,
on two homers by
Whitey Kurowski.

Whitey Kurowski It was the Red-birds' first victory his year over Puerto Rica n Hiram Bithorn, who had beaten them four times running. A three-run rally by the Bruins tied the score, 3-3, in the fifth, chasing Harry Brecheen, Kurowski followed this up with his first four-



George Kurowski

master. The Bruins knotted the count again in the seventh, 4—4, but Kurowski's bat again went to work, poling out the second circuit blow with Walker Cooper aboard. Murry Dickson was the winner.

In the only other scheduled major league contests the Phillies and the Braves split at Boston, the Phils copping the opener, 9—2, Boston coming back in the nighteap, 8—0, behind Al Javery's one-bit effort

Schoolboy Rowe pitched the opener, winning with the help of two homers by Coaker Triplett and one by Ron Northey, highlights of the 13-hit attack off Jim Tobin, who was the loser.

Javery missed a no-hitter by the nar-rowest margin as Ray Hamrick, Phillie leadoff man, scratched a single off Javery's glove in the first inning. The only other batter to reach first was Northey, who drew a walk in the fourth.

### **CBS** Net Championships At Regent's Park Sunday

The CBS tennis championships will be held at Regent's Park tomorrow at 1 PM, with four men fighting it out for the enlisted men's title and five officers left in their division.

in their division.

Pfc Arthur Rothenberg, of New York, will play Sgt. John C. Scobel, of Peoria, Ill., and Pvt. Raymond Popolewski, of New York, takes on Sgt. John Gould, of New York, in the semi-finals of the enlisted men's division.

Lt. Col. L. Wilkerson, of E. Holden, Conn., is pitted against Lt. John Mendel, of Deal, N.J., and Col. Walter Scott, of Washington, will oppose Lt. John Wilkes, of Utica, N.Y. Capt. Lawrence Russfield, of Boston, Mass., drew a bye.

NEW YORK, Sept. 17—Sid Gordon, who played third base, outfield and first base, plays his last game for the Giants for the duration next Sunday, having been accepted by the Army for induction Sept. 25.

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### Gridiron Action 'Down Under'



A crowd of 33,000 turned out at the Sydney (Australia) Sports Ground to watch two American service teams in America's national fall sport. Here an Army back is getting away for a long run, one of many which gave the soldiers a 14-0 triumph over a Navy eleven.

### Pacific Coast Grid Forecast Promises Fans Good Season RetractsCharge

By Dan McGuire

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17-Pacific Coast Conference officials who were about to keep the football moleskins in mothballs for the duration have settled for a travel-restricted schedule that will be complete and promises to be successful.

Splitting the circuit into two divisions, the plans call for a post-season playoff to decide the Pacific Coast representative in

the Rose Bowl.

The southern division consists of California, Southern California and UCLA, with Washington, Washington State, Oregon, Oregon State and Idaho in the

The schools plan to use all material available and that ranges from freshmen to 4-F rejectees and husky Marine and

Navy trainees.
Washington and Southern California, both well endowed with lettermen and

American League Thursday's Games

New York 5, Philadelphia 1
No other games played,
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Cleveland 7 3 63 .537 Boston .. 62 76
Detroit .. 71 66 .518 Philadelphia 44 91

St. Louis at Chicago (night game) Detroit at Cleveland (night game) New York at Washington (night game) Other teams not scheduled.

Philadelphia 9. Boston 2 (first game)
Boston 8, Philadelphia 0 (second game)
No other games played.

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Yesterday's Schedule

National League

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Yesterday's Schedule

Leading Hitters

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National League

Softball Squads in Finals

Two softball league finals will be played at Hyde Park tomorrow afternoon, U.S. Number One and U.S. Number Two vying for the London International League title and the Embassy and Yankee Officers playing for the Marble Arch League championship.

Two softball league finals will be played

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servicemen, are favored in their respective divisions. The Trojans have seven letter-men, including all-conference Halfback Mickey McArdle. Washington has its '42 backfield intact and triple-threat Jay Stoves from last year's Washington State squad via the Navy.

California has a squad of 96, includ-

California has a squad of 96, including nine lettermen and 11 transfers from Stanford which abandoned football. UCLA has dismal prospects with only four lettermen and two Stanford transfers. Washington State, Oregon and Oregon State depend mostly on freshmen and 4-Fs. Washington State, with some of the Coast's best high-school players, may have a good young team. Idaho may benefit by the levelling off, but doesn't appear formidable at this time.

St. Mary's, San Francisco University, Del Monte and College of the Pacific are the independents who expect to have good

the independents who expect to have good teams, and Alameda Coast Guard will probably be the best service team in the

Fitness Group

**Boosts Sports** 

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17 — The National Committee on Physical Fitness,

headed by Paul V. McNutt, has recom-

mended continuation of all sports acti-

vities in colleges, high schools and athletic

A formal resolution was adopted say

ing, in part, "Those who have abandoned athletic activities because of monetary complications should resume at the earliest possible date." The resolution also called for continued athletic activities despite personnel shortages and limited facilities.

# Wake Forest, W. Virginia

Panther Coach

### Duped, Grid Coach Explains

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 17 — Clark Shaughnessy, University of Pittsburgh coach who precipitated a near scandal this week when he hurled charges of raiding against two Southern colleges, admitted today that Wake Forest and West Virginia -the two schools in question-acted in good faith.

Shaughnessy started the row by declar-ing that two Southern colleges, which he didn't name, had invaded the Pitt campus' and offered terms to four freshmen they couldn't afford to turn down. Shaugh-nessy now says he believes the schools were ignorant of the boys' connections with Pitt.

Hal Rogers, West Virginia coach, ordered Backs Charles Ryan and John Keenan and Tackles Henry Drews and Mike Teslovich to turn in their suits when he discovered they had practised with Pitt. The players had been dissatisfied with conditions at Pitt and had approached Rogers without notifying him they had been at Pitt.

Wake Forest was similiarly duned by

Wake Forest was similiarly duped by Teslovich. He filed an application for an athletic scholarship last fall with Duke. Unable to use a player, Duke turned the application over to Wake Forest. The telegram from Wake Forest arrived for Teslovich at Pittsburgh after the boys had gone to West Virginia.

Pittsburgh had offered board and

Pittsburgh had offered board and tuition to the boys, but they held out for cash, then applied to the other schools, setting off Shaughnessy's beef.

### Minor League Results

International League Playoff Results

Newark 2 (first game, Tuesday) Newark 3 (second game, Wednesday) Montreal 2 (first game, Tuesday) Montreal 3 (second game, Wednes-

Eastern League Playoff Results

Scranton 10, Hartford 4 (first game, Tuesday) Hartford 9, Scranton 2 (second game, Wednes

ay) Wilkes-Barre 4, Elmira 1 (first game, Tuesday) Elmira 1, Wilkes-Barre 0 (second game, Wednes-Elmira 18, Wilkes-Barre 2 (third game, Thurs-

American Association

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Thursday's Games
Toledo 7, Indianapolis 1 (first game)
Indianapolis 10, Toledo 4 (second game)
Columbus 10, Louisville 1
Milwaukee 13, Minneapolis 4
Other teams did not play.

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Pacific Coast League

Playoff Results
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Scattle 4, Los Angeles 1 (second game, Wednesday)
Portland 7, San Francisco 6 (first game, Wednesday) day)
Portland 2, San Francisco 1 (second game, Thursday)

Fritz Ostermueller Rejected

CHICAGO, Sept. 17—Fritz Oster-mueller, 36-year-old Dodger pitcher, has been rejected by the Army for physical

## Chicago Passes Top Eagles, 20-7; Luckman Stars

#### Sid's Three Payoff Heaves Provide Margin as Running Plays Fail

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 17—The Chicago Bears whipped the Philadelphia-Pittsburgh Eagles, 20—7, in a National Professional Football League exhibition game here yesterday. Quarterback Sid Luckman's passing gave the Bears their ictory margin.

The Eagle line held the Bear ground attack at crucial moments, forcing Luckman to pass from deep in his own territory. In the first period, the former Columbia ace threw from his own 20-yard stripe to Harry Clark on the Eagle 42. Clark sprinted unmolested the rest of the way for the first Bear tourhdown.

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In the third quarter, after the Eagle front wall forced the Bears back, Luckman unloaded a heave from his own six to Indian Bill Geyer, who raced to the Eagle 20. Two ground plays netted Chicago only two yards when Luckman tossed another six-pointer to Clark in the end zone, Bob Snyder converted both times.

Two Minutes to Go.

Two Minutes to Go

The final tally came in the last two minutes of the last quarter. With the Chicago running attack finally functioning, Geyer and Ray McLain lugged the ball from the Chicago 20 to the Eagle eight. Again the line heid and Luckman pitched his third touchdown ball to Hampton Pool.

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The only Eagle score came in the second period. Johnny Butler, ex-Tennessee ball carrier, led the attack through the vaunted Bear line in a march from the Eagle 32 to the Chicago three. Butler and Jack Hinkle repeatedly reached the Bear secondary for eight and nine-yard gains. Butler made the final plunge of three yards through the Bear line. Leroy Zimmerman added the extra point.

### London Playoffs Start Tomorrow

The Headquarters Company nine will take on the — Engineers in a twin bill tomorrow in the first two tilts of the three-game second-half championship playoffs of the London International Baseball League. The games will be played at Eton Manor Cricket Grounds, the opener at 1 PM. The winners will play the — Signal Monarchs, first half champs, for the league title.

Cpl. Jim Wright, of Los Angeles, Cal., with a record of six wins against one loss, will tangle with S/Sgt. Johnny Puskas, of Scranton, Pa., in the opener. Puskas will be out for his eighth win, having dropped two. Cpl. Bill O'Rourke, of Brooklyn, N.Y., will do Wright's catching, while Sgt. Mike Sopcheck, of Scranton, Pa., will complete the Engineer battery.

battery.

In the nightcap, Cpl. Eddie Rupe, of Tulsa, Okla., will do the mound work for Headquarters Company. The Engineers' captain, Sgt. Amy Fontana, of Wampum, Pa., will do their hurling.

Piloted by S/Sgt. Hubert Dougherty, of Dallas, Tex., the Headquarters Company leads the league in the second half, with a record of nine victories, having dropped one game to the Engineers, who have a record of eight wins against two losses.

### Weiss Wants Babe Ruth To Go On All-Star Trip

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17—Representative Sam Weiss, of Pennsylvania, has suggested to Army PRO chief, Maj. Gen. Alexander Surles, that Babe Ruth be included in the big league junket to the South Pacific.

Weiss said Babe wouldn't have to play except for batting exhibitions, which would "give the soldiers the biggest thrill they've had since they left home."

Babe currently is selling bonds and was unavailable for comment.

#### Wally Butts Pessimistic About Georgia Grid Hopes

ATHENS, Ga., Sept. 17—Wallace Butts, who coached last year's Georgia Rose Bowl team, told this year's squad he didn't think they could win a single game, and offered to cancel the entire schedule if they desired. The squad voted unanimously to continue the season.

Fullback George Papach, of Youngstown, Ohio, Frankie Sinkwich's home town, has been ruled ineligible, leaving the team without a fullback.

#### Trackmen to Compete In Triangular Contest

BOMBARDMENT DIVISION,
Sept. 17—Sixteen members of this command will represent the U.S. in an AngloAmerican track meet to be held tomorrow
at Pye Sports Grounds, Cambridge. The
meet will start at 2.30 PM.

A majority of the American participants
are the winners and runners-up of a division track meet held recently. The British
entries will represent the Pye Athletic
Club and the Royal Engineers.

### Four sub-committees were appointed to study athletic problems in schools, state and local organizations and institutions. Renegades Edge Bombers Behind Johnny Cuipik, 3-2

 BOMBARDMENT GROUP, Sept.
 17—Behind the six-hit hurling of Cpl.
 Johnny Cuipik, of Rochester, N.Y., the
 Bombardment Group Renegades maintained their undefeated status in the Wing softball tournament by nosing out the strong — Bombardment Group, 3—2, on the home diamond.

T/5 Bill Pona, of Detroit, on the mound for the losers, was equally effec-tive, allowing only seven hits. The winners took a two-run lead, but were deadlocked by the losers in the third. The Renegades sewed up the ball game in the fourth when Sgt. Al Martell, of Los Angeles, singled and tallied the winning run on two successive infield hits.

Dickson Faces Induction

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New York, 28: Stephens, St. Louis, 20.
National League—Nicholson, Chicago, 22: Ott,
New York, 18: DiMaggio, Pittsburgh, 15.
Runs Batted In
American League—York, Detroit, 108; Etten,
New York, 98: Johnson, New York, 92.
National League—Nicholson, Chicago, 107;
Elliott, Pittsburgh, 92; Herman, Brooklyn, 91; ST. LOUIS, Sept. 17—Relief Pitcher Murry Dickson, of the St. Louis Cardinals, will miss the World Series. Dickson, who has won seven and lost two, faces Army induction Sept. 28.

Yanks Sell All Reserved Seats

NEW YORK, Sept. 17—Forty-two thousand Yankee Stadium box and reserved seats have been sold out for the three games at the Stadium starting Oct. 5. The remaining 28,000 unreserved seats are for sale the day of each game.





### Allies Tighten Grip on Lae; Italians Revolt Attack City's Outer Defenses As U.S. Troops

American Fifth Air Force Destroys 48 Japanese WithstandNazis Planes in Raid on Wewak Area; 66 Tons Of Bombs Dropped

ALLIED HQ, Southwest Pacific, Sept. 17—American and Australian troops tightened their grip around Lae yesterday as bombers of the U.S. Fifth Air Force blasted airfields in the Wewak area and destroyed 48 enemy planes.

The situation around the great Japanese base at Lae has not changed appreciably in the last 24 hours, and Allied troops, converging from the east and west, are still hammering at the

city's outer defenses. The Allies now have seized Malahang Anchorage, less than two miles from the center of the big Japanese air base in New Guinea.

During the attack on Wewak, according to the official communique issued by Gen. MacArthur's headquarters, Allied bombers concentrated 66 tons of bombs

in the target area in less than 15 minutes. Hits were scored on runways and dispersal areas, where between 20 and 40 planes were standing. Two large fuel dumps were set on fire.

Between 60 and 70 fighters intercepted the force of bombers and a fierce running

battle, lasting 50 minutes, was fought after the Liberators turned away from the target. No bombers were lost, and only one fighter was reported missing.

Despite this and other havy attacks against Japanese air bases in the Pacific

area, it was officially stated that the enemy's air strength in the Pacific "is now greater than ever before."

The Japanese had little to say about fighting on land but claimed that a large-

scale naval and air battle was taking place between New Guinea and Kalombangara

Other Allied attacks were carried out against Japanese bases in the area. Medium bomber units struck at Amboina while heavy bombers dropped 27 tons of explosives on Kendari in the Celebes. Reconnaissance planes also bombed and strafed cargo ships in the Buka passage of the Solomona.

Fifth Air Force pilots, after returning from the air battle above Wewak, said the Japanese pilots must have been new and "damned eager," judging from the way they made attack after attack in the face of accurate machine-gun fire.

### **More Invasions** Coming-FDR

(Continued from page 1)

sion of free speech and discussion—the love of liberty was unconquerable.

"It has also proved conclusively that this war was not waged by the people of Italy on their own choice. All of Musso-

lini's propaganda machine could not make them love Hitler or hate us."

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Turning to the concentrated Allied bombing offensive against Germany, the President pointed out that Hitler had neglected to provide his boasted European fortress with a roof. He continued:

"The British and American air forces have been bombing the roofless fortress with ever-increasing effectiveness. It is now our purpose to establish bases within bombing range of southern and eastern Germany, and to bring devastating war home to these places by day and by night as it has already been brought to western Germany.

as it has already been brought to western Germany.

"When Britain was being subjected to mass bombing in 1940 and 1941—when the British people, including their King and Prime Minister, were proving that Britain 'could take it'—the strategists of the Royal Air Force and of our own Army Air Forces were not idle. They were studying the mistakes that Goering and his staff of Nazi terrorists were making. Those were fatal mistakes, as it turned out.

out.

"Today, we and the British are not making those mistakes. We are not bombing tenements for the sheer sadistic pleasure of killing, as the Nazis did. We are striking devastating blows at carefully selected, clearly identified strategic objectives—factories, shipyards, munition dumps, transportation facilities, which make it possible for the Nazis to wage war. And we are hitting these military

war. And we are hitting these military targets and blowing them to bits."

The President reminded Congress that the bombing missions cost the Allies heavily in planes and men, thus necessitat-

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ing a constant increase in production at home. The results of the missions, howwere worth the price paid, he asserted.

The raid on the Ploesti oilfields, the President said, cost the USAAF 53 heavy bombers and more than 500 men, but "I am certain that the Germans or the Japanese high commands would cheerfully sacrifice tens of thousands of men to do the same amount of damage to us, if they could."

The slight slump in production reported by the U.S. in June and July had ended, the President said, and considerable increases were made in August and

September.

"For example, during the two months of the recess of the Congress our factories produced approximately 15,000 planes. There was an especially important increase in the production of heavy bombers in August. I cannot reveal the exact figures on this. They would give the enemy needed information—but no comfort. However, the total airplane production is still not good enough. We seek not only to come up to the schedule but to surpass it."

### New Red Cross Aeroclub To Be Opened Tomorrow

DUNMOW, Sept. 17-The Red Cross Aeroclub here will open formally Sunday at 4 PM. Col. S. E. Anderson, a USAAF bombardment wing commander, will be the principal speaker. Harvey Gibson, ARC commissioner in Great Britain, will attend. Tomorrow night a pre-opening dance for enlisted men will be held.

Warrington

WARRINGTON, Sept. 17—Program for the week at the Red Cross club here: Saturday—Swimming, 7.30 PM; handicrafts, 7 PM.

PM.
Sunday — Movic, 2-4.40 PM; classical recordings, 5-6 PM; swimming, 7:30-9 PM.
Monday — Recorded music, 4-6 PM; movie, 7:30-9 PM.
Tuesday — Recorded music, 5-6 PM; movie, 7:30-9 PM; dance, 8-11 PM.
Wednesday — Theater party, 7-10 PM; dancing class, 8:15-10-30 PM.

#### Germans Declare Martial Law; Rush Fresh Troops to Area

Italians in German-occupied Italy increased their opposition to German rule and the reorganized Fascist party as news of the Fifth Army's stand against the Germans filtered back to them, according

Spurring the Italians on was a Nazi-imposed starvation diet, German looting of churches and a martial law proclama-

Workers in the Transtevere district of Rome barricaded themselves in and over-

Rome barricaded themselves in and over-came German troops sent to arrest them. In other quarters, Italians fought the Germans from their housetops.

Fresh German troops have been ordered to northern Italy to quell the spreading riots. Gen. Stahel, commander in the Rome area, has ordered martial law enforced, according to the German-controlled Rome radio. All demonstra-tions of any kind have been prohibited and the death penalty has been proclaimed, for sabotage,

for sabotage, No food has entered Rome for a week and people are trying to live on a daily ration of one pound of carrots. Nazi troops have fired upon crowds storming stores for food.

### EighthandFifth Link Up in Italy

(Continued from page 1) enemy troop positions and rearward com-

munications and supply centers.

All in all, more than 6,000 sorties were flown by United Nations airmen in the sector in 72 hours. The change in the situation could be read in the fact that the role of air power was passing from one of protecting troops to one of slowing the enemy so that the combined Eight and Fifth armies could come to grips with the

Fifth armies could come to grips with the Wehrmacht.

Main targets for Allied planes were the Salerno battle area, road junctions and enemy transport in the Auletta and Potzna sectors, and the airfield at Cisterna Littoria. Heavy bombers pounded roads and railway bridges near Naples.

Liberators from the Ninth U.S. Air Force in the Middle East joined in the attack, bombing supply dumps and the road junction at Potenza, key rail point between the Eighth and Fifth.

A report from Gen, Dwight D, Eisenhower's headquarters hinted that the Germans might be running shy on ammunition. This report stated that the enemy was shelling the Salerno beaches only infrequently, permitting the uninterrupted landing of more reinforcements and supplies. and supplies.

And what from the man whose forces

had withstood the furious barrages of shot and shell along the beaches? Gen. Clark

had this to say:

"From what I heard on the radio in the past few nights, accounts published in America and England have given a rather black view of what has happened

here.
"I want the people of England and "I want the people of England and America to know how well every officer and soldier of the Fifth Army has stood up to tough German resistance for every inch of ground gained. We have taken some blows, but taken them well, and I am proud of the way our men are already pushing the enemy back after securing out beachhead. We had some hard going, but our situation was never desperate.

"The Fifth Army, side by side with the Eighth, will advance to Naples, Rome and the cities of northern Italy, liberating the Italians from the Germans."

#### United Nations May Keep Strategic Bases After War

NEW YORK, Sept. 17—Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes indicated in a speech here last night that the United Nations might retain possession of certain strategic sea and air bases after the war.

Ickes said that such bases might be necessary if the United Nations were to keep their avowed policy of keeping the peace after the war is won.

#### Norfolk Blast Kills 17

NORFOLK, Va., Sept. 17 (AP)— Seventeen persons were killed and 257 injured in an ammunition explosion at Norfolk naval station today. A number of buildings were damaged.

### Navy Chief Here



Secretary Frank Knox

### Navy to Double Strength in '43

(Continued from page 1) He emphasized, however, that to a certain degree the U-boat menace would remain until the war ended.

In the Pacific, he said, the U.S. Navy has not seen a Japanese airplane carrier at sea for the last four months. "They don't like to go to sea and get wet," he suggested.

Asked for comment about the surrender of the Italian fleet, Knox said the Allies would make as much use as possible of would make as much use as possible of its units. He pointed out that its surrender would free Allied warships for service elsewhere, but when asked if the released craft would be sent to the Pacific he countered, "They will be sent where they are needed."

Knox was accompanied by Capt. Lyman S. Perry, his aide, Capt. Leland Lovette, director of Navy public relations, and Commodore Andrew F. Carter, USNR, the only naval reservist to attain that rank. Comm. Carter is executive officer of the Navy's Petroleum Board.

### Raids - -(Continued from page 1)

we did a tremendous amount of damage Our bombs were well centered in the harbor area, and all of that area is of great importance to the enemy. Despite the aggressiveness of enemy fighters, we didn't allow them to disturb our bombing

In other attacks on the Continent early yesterday, Mosquitos bombed French airfields at Dijon and Chateauroux, damaged at least 13 locomotives in northern France and attacked eight barges near Dijon. Typhoons struck fields at Laon, Florennes and Merville in France and barges at Termonde, Belgium, and Axel, Holland.

### Nation Has Aluminum Surplus

NEW YORK, Sept. 17 (AP)—A pro-cessing labor shortage and a temporary lag in consumption by the aircraft industry has resulted in a surplus of virgin aluminum, the National Association of Waste Dealers has reported. Quoting Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones, the association revealed that aluminum production in July exceeded 150,000,000 pounds, compared with the pre-war monthly average of 25,000,000 pounds.

### NEWS FROM HOME

### War Prisoners **EaseManpower** Shortage in U.S.

### 110,000 At Work on Farms And in Jobs Unrelated To Arms Output

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17—More than 110,000 of approximately 141,000 war prisoners now in camps in the United States are being used to relieve manpower shortages in agriculture and other fields, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson revealed yesterday.

Under the Geneva Convention, all war prisoners except officers may be required to work on projects which have no direct relation to war operations. Non-commissioned officers may be required to maintain employment conditions in conformity with the Geneva Convention, which provides: A six-day week, a work-day not exceeding that of civilian workers in the region on the same job, and pay of 80 cents a day credited to the prisoners. War prisoners have helped relieve labor shortages in many states. They have harvested peanuts in Georgia and South Carolina, tomatoes in Indiana and corn in Iowa, have picked cotton in Texas, hoed potatoes in Missouri, and worked on a variety of non-agricultural jobs in several sections. One group is helping to build a flood-control dam in Oklahoma.

Mitchell as Anti-Sub Plane
WASHINGTON, Sept. 17 (UP)—The
Mitchell bomber is now being used by the
U.S. Navy as an anti-submarine plane,
it was revealed today. It has been fitted
with a new anti-submarine weapon, described as "potent." The Mitchell is the
third land-based, multi-engined bomber
to be converted for use of the Navy.

18 Trapped in Mine Blast

HARLAN, Ky., Sept. 17 (AP)—Deadly black-damp fumes overcame four would-be rescuers who were working frantically today to free 18 men trapped in a mine explosion here. The rescuers were still 100 feet from the men and it was estimated that it would take several hours to reach them in the tunnel, 5,000 feet underground. feet underground.

#### Hull Confident in Chinese

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17 (AP)—Secre-tary of State Cordell Hull today expressed confidence that as more weapons become available China will sweep the Japanese from out of China. In a statement commemorating the anniversary of the Mukden incident of Sept. 18, 1931, Mr. Hull said that in many quarters this date was regarded as the beginning of the present life and death struggle throughout the world between peaceful nations and the forces of aggression.

#### Chicago to Get New Hotel

CHICAGO, Sept. 17—A new Statler Hotel, the first unit of which will cost more than \$6,000,000 and have 1,500 rooms, will be built here as soon as government restrictions on new construction are lifted, Michael C. Birnkrant, Statler representative said. If conditions warrant, additional millions will be spent to make it one of the largest hotels in the world.

### FDR's Son Helped at Kiska

### Forts Come Home at Night, Land Easily After Record Hop

A U.S. BOMBER STATION, England, Sept. 17 (AP)—Pilots at this great Fortress base established a record last night with all planes—without a single battle scar—landing in darkness from an 11-hour mission as quickly and easily as if they had been setting down by daylight. Their tactical round trip of 1,600 miles was the longest Fortress operation ever conducted in the European theater.

More than a score of planes from this large than a score of planes from this planes. The powerful thrust into occupied France met little opposition from Luftwaffe fighters or flak. What few enemy planes rose to challenge the fast-firing forts either did not try to penetrate the virtual wall of lead thrown around the formation of the powerful thrust into occupied France met little opposition from Luftwaffe fighters or flak. What few enemy planes rose to challenge the fast-firing forts either did not try to penetrate the virtual wall of lead thrown around the formation or were cut down by it.

One Me109 which plummeted into the sea was shredded by so many Fortress bullets that not one gunner in the formation claimed it.

More than a score of planes from this base returned from blasting the Nazi fighter plane assembly base at Cognac in the Bordeaux region. In little more than half an hour all of them dropped out of the dark sky to a light-marked runway.

bullets that not one gunner in the forma-

By Milton Caniff

#### Sunday, Sept. 19

9.20—Ernest K. Lindley—GBG/American mentary. 9.35—Paul Whiteman Peogram—with Dinah Shore. 10.09—Saturday Night Variety. 10.45—Final Editoin—Stars and Stripes News. 11.09—Sign Off until Sept. 19 at 8.00 AM.

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8.00—Prostam Resume—Organ Recital.
8.15—Are You's Genius.
8.30—Yank Swing Session.
9.00—News (BBC).
9.15—Music for Sunday—
9.30—Sunday Serenade—(BBC) Scottish Variety Orchestra.
10.15—Your Town—Radio news-letters from three American towns—Baltimore, Silver Springs and Hagerstown, Maryland.
10.30—Major Bowes Amateur Hour.
11.00—Weekly News Roundup—Presented by The Slars and Stripes.
11.10—Melody Roundup—Gene Autry.
11.25—Gov Lombardo and his orchestra.
12.00—Music from America.

Program Resume.
Return Engagement—Gay Nineties Revue.
News (BBC).
Sound Officerview—Branch Rickey.
Bing Crosby
National Barn Dance.

The American Forces Network

3.00—Take Your Choice.
3.30—We Who Fight—Report from the battle

Weekend Radio Programs

211.3m.

1.42 Spottight off Ace Lyman.
1.90 News (BBC).
1.90 Personal Album—Shirley Ross.
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1.90 Sports—Stars and Stripes radio reporter.
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1.95 The Fanny Brice Program.
1.95 Your Hit Panude—Frank Sinstra, Joan Edwards and Mark Warnow's orchestra.
1.90 News From Home—Stars and Stripes roundup.
1.90 News (BBC).
1.90 Pantice-Doodle-Doo (BBC).
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3.30—We Who Fight—Report from the battle-fronts.
4.00—News Flashes—Presented by The Stars and Stripes.
4.05—Radio Chapel.
4.30—Sammy Kaye Program.
5.00—Andre Kostelanetz and his orchestra.
5.30—Central Base Section Presents—
6.00—News (BEC).
6.10—Harry James program.
6.25—G1 Supper Club—request program.
7.00—Sports—Stars and Stripes radio reporter.
7.05—The Great Gildersleeve.
7.30—Band Wagon—Toby Reed and Tommy Dorsey's orchestra.
8.00—News From Home—Stars and Stripes roundup.
8.10—Great Music—Walter Huston introduces the classics.

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8.25—Miniature.
8.30—All Time Hit Parade—Mark Warnow and Tiny Hill.
9.00—News (BBC).
9.10—Hi Neighbor—Jack and Jill and Lawrence Welk's orthestra.
9.30—Hour of Charm.
10.00—Artie Shaw and his orchestra.
10.20—Final Edition—Stars and Stripes News.
10.30—Sign Off until Sept. 20 at 5.45 PM.

8-19 LOOK HEAH, PATRICK,

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Terry and the Pirates







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